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BOAT CAR

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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scientist has innovated a new type of a vehicle – Boat car which runs on land and water; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES(KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) and Technology Information Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC) of Department of Science and Technology (DST) jointly operate a "Technopreneur Promotion Programme (TePP)" to tap the vast innovative potential of the citizens of India. No proposal regarding Boat Car has been received under the TePP programme. However, National Innovation Foundation (NIF), supported by DST has received a similar proposal recently and is helping the innovator in getting the drawings made so that a patent can be filed for novel features in the design.

(b) According to information received from NIF, the invention has been made by a car mechanic in Kerala, called - "Amphibious Car", which can run on land as well as on water. The inventor claims that the vehicle can achieve a maximum speed of 20 Kmph in water and would save energy, reduce congestion and make the ride smoother for commuters who may prefer to navigate distances in water instead on road.